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In re the Application of: **YAMANE, Takeshi**

Group Art Unit: **1714**

Serial No.: **09/867,565**

Examiner: **Katarzyna I. Wyrozeb**

Filed: **May 31, 2001**

**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 7576**

For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FRICTION MATERIAL AND FRICTION MATERIAL OBTAINED BY THE PROCESS**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -  
GROUP ART UNIT 1714**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

October 2, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated **July 2, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: